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TM RELEASES BUDGET

The first public explanation of the 1961 budget was made by TM Cecil Lancaster, Tuesday night, before members of the Baldwin Club and their guests. The meeting was held in the Town Hall, because the heating system in the usual place of meeting - the Wilmington Skating Club, was out of order.

The budget, as presented, is reproduced in this week's Town Crier.

51.1% of the budget, the TM said, goes to public schools, 24.3% to other town departments, 8.2% to school debt and 3.8% to all other debts.

Salary Increases

His own salary, he told his listeners, had been raised to \$11,500 a year, by the Board of Selectmen, the same as is being paid to the Supt. of Schools. The salary, he told the group, had been raised without his request, and by the Selectmen in Executive Session, with no one else present.

The Town Accountant's salary has been raised \$5 a week, in conformity with the Personnel Board recommendations. All other salary increases were also in conformance with these recommendations. The Town Accountant's part-time clerk is to get a salary increase of \$10 a month.

Among those he mentioned as getting salary increases were the Town Collector and members of both the Police and Fire Departments.

A police officer with three years on the force will be getting \$95 a week, as will a private in the Fire Department. The Sgts of Police and the Lts. of the Fire Department will be getting \$102, and the two Chiefs will be getting \$130, all in accordance with

the Personnel Committee recommendations.

The Police Chief had recommended three more police officers, which the TM turned down, he said, and the Fire Chief had recommended three more firemen, which he also turned down. One more Traffic Supervisor was being added to the list of female police officers, and traffic supervisors were having their pay raised to \$75 a month.

Other changes

There is additional money to help clear up tax titles, (\$939), and \$1714 more in the Assessor's Account for new equipment and to help on tax title work.

The Planning Board, this year is asking for \$800 less than last year.

A part time girl is to be hired to assist the Building Inspector and the Sanitarian. She will work five mornings a week, one week being two days with one official and three with the other, and the next week being the opposite.

\$170 is being asked for the Sealer of Weights and Measures for new sealing equipment, the Tree Warden expenses are down \$142, Dutch Elm Control is up \$349, and Gypsy Moth Control is up \$387.

The Town Engineer's Department is up \$475, and the Highway Department salaries are up \$6,923. \$800 more is being asked for the Road Machinery Account, and \$1000 more for Chapter 90 Construction, this year being planned to finish Concord Street and Federal Street to Middlesex Avenue.

Next year, the TM said, it was planned to start working on Ballardvale Street, from Route 125 towards the Andover

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TESTIMONIAL FOR MRS ELIZABETH KELLEY



A testimonial by the Wilmington Town Democratic Committee is planned for Mrs. Elizabeth M. Kelley, of 39 Shawsheen Avenue, Honorary Chairman of the Committee.

Lt. Governor Edward F. McLaughlin Jr is to be the toast master, and the testimonial is planned for March 28th at 7 pm at Tonello's Supper Club in Tewksbury.

The testimonial is being planned in the absence of Mrs. Kelley, who is convalescing in Florida from a recent illness. Due to seating capacity the number of tickets are limited, and no tickets will be sold at the door. In charge of tickets is Cecil W Cantrell of High St (8-4940) of the Wilmington Town Democratic Committee, and other members of the committee are also in the ticket committee.

PREDICT 70,000 POPULATION IN 1970

The population of the Town of Wilmington will reach a total of 70,000 by the year 1970.

The Greater Boston Economic Study Committee, engaged in researching the economic problems of 149 Greater Boston cities and towns, made this prediction Tuesday.

The predictions, made for all the cities and towns, were based on figures revealed by the 1960 US Census.

EDDIE FORREST A CANDIDATE FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY

Edwin F. Forrest, 11 Main St. has tossed his hat into the ring with the announcement that he will be a candidate for election to the Wilmington Housing Authority, for the unexpired two year term.

Mr. Forrest declared his candidacy Tuesday afternoon, saying that the young people of Wilmington should be interested in town affairs.

A lifelong resident of Wilmington, he attended Wilmington Schools and Keith Academy, and has been active in sports and Veterans affairs. He is a Disabled Veteran of World War II.

MYF TO HOLD FOOD SALE

The Methodist Youth Fellowship members will hold a food sale at Dewoulas market on Saturday, February 25, from 9 to 2 p.m. Proceeds realized from this sale will go towards their trip to the United Nations.

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FLOWER SHOP OPENS

Mrs. Ralph Barden, of Barden the Florist Flower Shop, in Wilmington Square, had a corsage for Mrs. Jeanne Gifford, last Friday, when the new shop opened for business.

JEANNE'S TROPHIES TO BE SHOWN

Some of the trophies, if not all, that have been won by Jeanne Ashworth, number one woman speed skater in the US, are to be exhibited, next week in the window of the Wilmington Bank and Trust.

Included will be her Olympic trophies, and her trophies as the Champion North American Indoor and Outdoor Skater, and the US Champion Indoor and Outdoor Skater.

Jeanne's trophies have never been exhibited before.



GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Happens also to be the birthday of George Spanos, Honorary Mayor of Wilmington. His Honor was 73 years old yesterday, and took part in a birthday party for himself and George Leganos, who is ten. Scotty Leganos baked the cake, and is shown talking with George about the party.



Atty. Alan Altman

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IT'LL BE OVER \$5, ANYWAY

Our headline, last week, was suggestive of a tax increase of \$10, for the year 1961. It was made at 5:30 pm last Wednesday on the basis of a few figures we had just got from the Town Hall, with a little quick work on the sliderule.

No one can at the moment actually predict what our tax increase is to be. There are still too many intangibles.

The so-called Cherry Sheet, with figures of state payments, has still to arrive from the State House. No one can tell as yet how much money the town has in its Free Cash fund, a very important point. No one knows just how much money will be voted in the Town Meeting.

But it begins to look as though \$5 is a conservative estimate for our tax increase in 1961 1962, the Town Manager says, will be better. We hope so.

We must remember that every time we build a "round" school we will increase our taxes about \$3, and every time we build one of the type now planned for Salem Street we will increase our taxes about \$6, and that 9 schools are planned over a ten year period, two of them having been built.

In other words the attention of the town must be centered on taxable industry and business, which must be induced to locate here.

Homes are coming anyway, and each home, in spite of the taxes imposed on it, will only increase the burden.

It is industry and business that will ease the burden. Let us not forget that.

WHY NOT CAMP FOSTER BALSER?

Wilmington youngsters are fortunate that in the northern part of our town there is a 40 acre tract of land, set aside for their exclusive use - Camp Forty Acres.

The land is owned by the Wilmington Youth Camps Inc., a non-profit organization, and has been largely used by Boy and Girl Scouts, and the Campfire Girls.

Camp Forty Acres is largely the work of one man, Foster Balsar of Middlesex Avenue, former Neighborhood Commissioner for the Boy Scouts. He has had a crew of willing workers over the years, and many have helped, but it was Foster Balsar who had the vision to get the land when it was available, and it has been his driving spirit that had gradually improved the place and made it available to all children, regardless of race and creed.

Camp Forty Acres is a good name. We think though, that Camp Foster Balsar would be a better one.

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Ten years ago we were a part of a group that proposed a dredging program for the Ipswich River, through the Hundred Acre Meadow. The program got lost in the State House, but only after the Commonwealth had spent \$25,000 in surveying the river, and come up with a cost of some \$600,000 for the work as the State saw it.

Our program, which was intended to be done with the help of the then-existing Union Health Plan, was to have cost \$30,000, was lost in the shuffle. The \$600,000 plus program, of course, doesn't stand a chance.

So we hail with pleasure the proposal of TM Cecil Lancaster to start dredging the river, starting at the Reading-Wilmington line, and working up-stream.

North Reading has, since our proposal, done a part of the work, using Chapter 91 funds, and it is this type of work that the TM is planning.

Under Chapter 91 a town appropriates a sum of money, and the state doubles this with a similar sum. Then state engineers take over, and do both the engineering and the work.

We would guess that at least part of the previous engineering can be used, which would make the total of \$20,000 stretch further.

The river would be dredged through the Hundred Acre Meadow to Jenks Bridge, on Woburn St.

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A FLAT PREDICTION

So now we hear the House of Dior

Is bringing back those days of yore;

And we shall give up hips and waist;

For whither Dior, women traipse.

At that point it would probably be necessary to rebuild the bridge, but this two would be in a share-the-cost program, and the dredging would then proceed up the various streams.

Such a program could, in the course of time, do much to controlling the flood conditions in Wilmington, and reclaim for better use much of the marshland in this town.

It is a step in the right direction.

BROOKS AND DONAHUE

One of the more interesting contests this year is between two men who are both relatively unknown to the Wilmington voter - John Brooks of North Wilmington and James P Donahue of Silver Lake. Both are candidates for the one year term for the Board of Selectmen.

Brooks was appointed to the position last spring, after the resignation of Francis J Haggerty. He had moved to Wilmington about five years ago, buying the old Caleb Harriman estate. One of the things that had attracted him, oddly enough, was the frequent train service from the North Wilmington RR station, now discontinued.

He is a highly educated, urbane and witty gentleman, with a Harvard background, and is an extremely influential, almost hypnotic speaker. He is City Editor of the Boston Daily Record with a long record of public service in various charities in and around Boston.

He is extremely careful in his speech and takes care never to insult by any implication either his listeners or the person he may be talking about. Many of our readers may remember his speech in the Urban Renewal Town Meeting, made after the famous seven minute speech of Don Kidder and after the vote was taken which rejected the project. It was extemporaneous, and extremely effective. Mr. Kidder had just damned the Housing Authority by misquoting an official state record. Mr. Brooks' only comment on this was "My colleague has his right to his opinions".

Donahue, on the other hand, is of the rugged self made variety, the boy who came up the hard way. He was elected two years ago to the Housing Authority, and to his credit was the only member of that board who saw that Urban Renewal could not succeed without the assistance of the Selectmen.

For some weeks prior to that Urban Renewal Town Meeting Donahue attempted to get a motion through the Housing Authority asking the Selectmen to take over. He never could get anyone to second it. After Urban Renewal had been defeated the other members saw the light, but it was then too late.

For our money he has been the Watchdog of Housing Authority. It was he who discovered some of the things mentioned in the State Auditor's report, printed in this paper after the Urban Renewal Meeting.

Donahue, acting on his own time, was the man who went down to the Old Age Project and found things that were wrong - some of which is now being settled in court, and some of which has never been mentioned in public.

Both men are extremely effective. It is too bad that they have to run against each other - the highly accomplished gentleman versus the rugged self-made man. Only one of them can be elected.

TOWN NOTES

Maple Sugar Weather
Wilmington isn't a maple sugar town, but our few sugar trees have had their sap running for fair, during the past week. The nights have been cold, and the days warm. Last Saturday it was 2 degrees below zero at 6 am. By 2 pm Sunday it was 65 degrees in the shade - and so on. The snow is still with us, but is going fast.

Blue Jay

We dropped into the Silver Lake Hardware Tuesday afternoon, to see if John had sold all the Dutch Boy paint he was offering for \$3.98 a gallon.

It seems that people like fancy colors, but that the ones with fancy names stumped them - such colors as Blue Jay which was one we spotted.

It would be good stuff, this we, for painting the summer porch. Not only would there be an odd color, but it could be a point of conversation while the TV is blating out a commercial.

Bewildered Deer

A large doe met her end, Tuesday morning, on Main St. near the Lyons Oil Company.

She was first seen about 7 am on Fairview Avenue, and made her way up Beacon Street and across the Rotary Park, slipping on the ice as she went.

By 11 am she had emerged on Main Street, and became bewildered at the rushing traffic. She tried to leap over a truck, one of those labeled 'livestock', and smashed the windshield.

Officer John Ritchie had to shoot her - the beast.

Toothache

While Mrs. Drew was inspecting the front of the new office building, in back of the Middlesex County Bank, Monday morning, her escort, Minot Anderson, the Building Inspector wandered to the back office, where Dr. Black was moving in.

Things were not yet in order, in fact the nurses were busy as could be on other than dental duties. One of them saw Minot approaching.

"Oh", she said, "The doctor isn't practising today! Do you have a toothache?"

Minot took out his false teeth and looked at them.

Not that I know of he said.

BALLARDALE STREET OUT OF WATER MAIN LIST

The Board of Water Commissioners, last Thursday night notified the Wilmington Finance Committee that they have dropped any plans for a water main extension, on Ballardvale Street.

The plan for an extension of the main was opposed, in a hearing two weeks ago, by 3 of the landowners on that street who have their own wells, and own extensive properties.

Included in the list for water main extensions (all under the Betterment Act) for this year are Marcia Road, Lawrence Street and Butters Row.

Residents of Butters Row are opposing the laying of a water main on their street.

The entire program, which will be considered under Article 12, of the Annual Town Meeting, would cost \$48,000 and the money would be raised by a bond issue, most of which would be eventually be repaid by the residents of the streets effected.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Rev. Richard Harding will continue his Lenten Series on "The Lord's Prayer" this Sunday at both the 9 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. services of worship. The sermon this week will be "Thy Kingdom Come". Special music at the early service will be provided by the Youth Choir and at the later service by the Senior Choir, both under the direction of Mrs. James Todd, with Mrs. Raymond Gardner organist.

Members and friends of the church are also invited to participate in the University of Life studies, sponsored by the Wilmington Council of Churches beginning at 5 o'clock in the Congregational Church.

**WILMINGTON CHAIRMAN**

72,000 signatures in the petition for a referendum on State Legislator's pay have been presented, in the State House.

Chairman of the Wilmington group which collected signatures was Francis N Ham Jr of MacDonald Road.

(Wilmington's two representatives, Rep. Frank Tanner (R) of Reading and Rep. Tom Donahue (D) of Woburn were among the legislators who voted against the pay raise.)

WILMINGTON TO VOTE AGAIN ON FLUORIDATION

Governor John Volpe, Tuesday afternoon, signed a bill requiring Wilmington to vote again on the question of Fluoridation of its municipal water supply. Presumably the vote will be on the ballot for the March 4th election.

It was on the ballot last year, and was voted for, by the town.

The bill was submitted by James O'Neil, 4 Cypress St.

THE UNITARIAN CHURCH

239 Woburn St. Reading
Sunday, February 26
9 a.m. High School Seminar
9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10 a.m. All Church School

Classes will meet

10 a.m. Morning Worship (Nursery and Kindergarten Children will meet in the Sawyer Parish House during the morning service of worship) Sermon: 'Heretics'.

7 p.m. High School L. R. Y. will meet.

8 p.m. Special Church Meeting for all those interested in Plans for a Church Fair or Church Auction in the Spring. Wednesday, March 1st.

11 a.m., 'Afternoon Tea Flower Arranging', Mrs Charles Hollis.

Thursday, March 2nd.

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal.

Saturday, March 5th.

10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 'The Church Committee Workshop' held at the First Parish Church, Unitarian, Concord, Mass.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

THU, 2/23, 12:30, West LBS

FRI, 7:00, Boy Scouts

SAT, 2/25, 10:00, Youth Choir

3:30 Tea at Parsonage for all women with birthdays in February.

7:00, Cub Scouts

SUNDAY, 2/26, Morning services at 9:30 and 11:00

4:00 Jr PF, and remain for

5:00 film, 'Conflict'. Also

3r PF will attend film and meet at 7:00 for regular meeting.

The second annual University of Life sponsored by the Wilmington Council of Churches, began February 19. Registrations will still be received this Sunday. The program begins with the 5:00 pm vesper service and film. Beverages and cookies will be served following this portion of the program. Families may bring their own sandwiches. Adults who will not be in attendance at 5:00 are invited to come to the 6:30 pm devotional period and remain for the class periods.

MON, 2:30, Campfire Girls

WED, 12:00, Main LBS, Mrs E Chesley York, speaker.

3:30 Girl Scouts

8:00 Choir

8-9:00, Orientation Class in Vestry.

GREER'S APPOINTS RICHARD WATSON AS SALES MANAGER

Mr Richard D. Watson has been appointed Sales Manager by the J. W. Greer Company of this town. Watson will be responsible for all sales, domestic and international, of all Greer continuous food processing machinery, serving the Confectionery, Baking, Biscuit and Cracker, Frozen Food and Dairy Industries.

Since 1956, Mr Watson served as Manager, Process Equipment Division Sales, a position that involved extensive work with the Dairy and Frozen Food Industries. Formerly with Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Watson originally came to Greer in 1952 as a Sales Engineer.

NAVY 'OPERATION COLD STORAGE'

The Navy Recruiting Office in Lowell announces that 'Operation Cold Storage' is now in effect and young men who are graduating in June may make application now for enlistment after graduation and be assured of a school quota under the Navy's high school graduate training program.

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WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL'S LANGUAGE LABORATORY

LANGUAGE LAB STORY
Back about 1957 the City of Newton, always an innovator in the fields of education, was, as far as this paper knows, the first to install a Language Laboratory. Purely experimental, the idea was to use recordings and tape recordings, of the pronuncia-

tion of foreign languages, by natives, for the purpose of teaching the correct accent to High School pupils. Arlington Mass installed a Language Lab in 1959. Then in 1960 several other school systems in Middlesex County followed. One of these is Wilmington High School, and

as such, while it is not a pioneer it can boast (if it so chooses) of having some of the most modern equipment in education today.

The Modern Way
Not too many years ago the High School language student was inculcated by starting an endless drill of verb forms

Wilmington Schools.

How It Works
The teacher, using a console, has at her command the use of (1) direct voice, (2) recordings, (3) tape recordings, or (4) live broadcast, from a radio program, for instance. A tape recording, for instance, bi-lingual, will first



FRENCH CLASS

While Miss Wilson conducts oral drill from the front of the room 12 students listen to recordings of their voices, in individual booths at the back of the room.

The three boys in front, all French Students are (l to r) Kevin Field, Paul Keirstead and Albie Hall.



THE CONSOLE

Miss Elizabeth Wilson, head of the Languages Department in Wilmington High School, speaking into a microphone, during class. The voice is in this instance being carried directly to pupils in the booths.



THE BOOTHS

Constructed by the Maintenance Department, the booths give individual privacy, and are lined with acoustic sounding boards.

In front are the Misses Carol Dietrich (partly hidden), Eileen Tupper and Cherie Lyons. In the rear is Richard Silverman and others.

necessary perhaps, but not always the way to raise an enthusiasm for the study of the language.

Today the first emphasis is on conversation. Get the pupil into a mood where he will try to speak the language, and then later on correct his errors, just as a child learning his native tongue does.

This is the theory behind the teaching of languages in Wilmington High School today.

Small Cost

The cost of installing the first part of Wilmington High School's language laboratory was not excessive.

It cost about \$4000 for ten booths, plus the dictation and electronic equipment.

About \$2000 of this was supplied by Wilmington's taxpayers, and the other half was part of a Federal grant, under Public Law 85864, passed in 1958, the so-called National Defense Education Act, Title 3. The booths themselves, as well as the desk for the teacher was built by the Maintenance Department of the

have the words in English, then in the language being studied, and then there will be a pause, for the student to repeat what he has heard.

He then runs the tape a second time, and is able to compare the sound of the language as he spoke it, compared to the way it should be spoken.

Miss Elizabeth Wilson, Head of the Languages Department, in Wilmington High School is enthusiastic about the new Laboratory.

She hopes next year to add another dozen booths, and in the second year to bring the total up to the point where 30 pupils can use the facilities at one time.

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LANGUAGES OFFERED IN WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Wilmington High School offers four years of Latin, and three each of French, German and/or Spanish, to its pupils.

At the present time there is no Latin IV class. Latin is no longer required in College Entrance examinations, but the aspirant college student must have had two years of a foreign language.

Wilmington High School, with a total enrollment of about 750 (not including the Junior High School students) has about 185 students taking Latin I, II, or III. There are five classes in Latin I, 2 in Latin II, and 1 class of 10 pupils taking Latin III.

French is the second most popular study in foreign languages. There are two classes of French I, taught by Richard Mandile, of Roxbury. Miss Wilson teaches French II and French III, with 75 pupils taking French II, and 10 taking French III.

Spanish and German are not as popular. Both have three classes, one for each year, with Miss Dolores Mattarazzo teaching Spanish, and Miss Elin Evans, German.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY NATIONAL BANK NEWS

Net earnings of the Middlesex County National Bank increased by almost \$100,000 after taxes during 1960, it was announced by Oliver T. Bergstrom, President, at the Annual Meeting of the Bank in Everett. Total Resources climbed more than \$5,000,000 to a total of \$108,750,000.

Total operating income exceeded five million dollars for the first time in the Bank's history. Net earnings after taxes were \$960,909, compared to \$861,617 in 1959. A regular dividend of \$2.00, plus an extra dividend of \$.60 per share was paid. Deposits increased by \$3,300,000 during the year, totaling more than \$94,000,000 in some 100,000 accounts.

Mr. Bergstrom said: "The slackening of business activity, which made 1960 a disappointment to many, calls for self-appraisal and new discipline. It points up a need for innovations and for departures from old methods. Prosperity in the future is certain, but it will take more effort."

He reported that mortgage loans were \$19,700,000, of which approximately \$7,500,000 were government insured. Installment Loans topped \$11,000,000. The Bank experienced continued heavy demand for commercial loans, placing special emphasis on extending credit to small and varied businesses.

Concerning securities, Mr. Bergstrom said: "While in 1959 we had adjusted our holdings of securities to market prices through sales involving losses in 1960 we sold Governments at a substantial gain. As before, we subscribed to municipal bond issues in the area, helping to underwrite various public improvements in the communities we serve. At year end the average maturity of our investment portfolio was only slightly longer than a year ago, providing adequate liquidity to meet the requirements of our customers."

The following Directors were re-elected: Norman F. Barrett, Charles W. Bartlett, Oliver T. Bergstrom, Harold G. Carlson, Harold L. Dalbeck, Robert M. Edgar, Joseph P. Healey, Herbert W. MacLeod, Kenneth G. MacQuarrie, Louis J. Rismann, Edward W. Sexton, Frank A. Tredinnick, Jr., Albert W. Vanderhoof.

The following Boards of Managers were elected:

Appleton-Billerica Offices: Vincent Hockmayer, Chairman, Gordon C. Brainerd, Harry D. Brown, Thomas J. Campbell, Frank Goldman, Walter Wilson, Jr. Maynard Office: James J. Ledger, Chairman, Harold G. Carlson, Medville L. Clark, Donald O. Feltus, Philip A. Wilson.

Medford Offices: Lawrence G. Brooks, Chairman, Rufus H. Bond, Harold G. Carlson, William F. Lacey, Jr., Harry C. O'Brien, Gerald A. Palumbo, Louis J. Rismann, Frank A. Tredinnick, Jr.

Anthony, C. Zacher, Reading-Stoneham Offices: Ernest D. Richmond, Jr., Chairman, Leonard Barbo, Charles H. Black, Frank J. Cronin, Walter M. Fowler, Kenneth C. Latham, Herbert W. MacLeod, Wendell B. Newell.

Somerville-Cambridge Offices: Leon P. Hobbs, Chairman, James E. Chaffe, Maurice M. Cohen, Joseph C. Cornoni, Frank J. Cronin, John J. Donahue, Joseph J. Vaccaro.

Officers of the Bank re-elected were: Oliver T. Bergstrom, President; Daniel H. Gray, Assistant to the President; Harold G. Carlson, Frank J. Cronin, Charles P. Driscoll, Robert M. Edgar, Edward W. Fudge, Eugene C. Hussey, Jr., Fritz H. Walkling, Vice Presidents; Malcolm E. Austin, Vice President-Comptroller; Arthur G. Helmund, Frederick M. Spencer, Davenport Davis, Hilary Stevens, Eugene A. Tellier, Assistant Vice Presidents; Daniel W. Rideout, Cashier; Kenneth T. Ames, Everett R. Brigham, Howard E. Crawford, John W. Dawson, William J. Dunn, Jr., John F. Hackett, Daniel J. Kenneally, Herbert T. Knutson, John A. Lynch, John F. McHugh, Bernard P. Murphy, Ralph T. Pierce, Jr., Raymond Spinney, Edmund W. Stultz, Henry S. Thompson, Wendell V. Weyland, Sidney H. Wylie, Assistant Cashiers; James A. Decker, Auditor. Paul J. Brooks, Henry G. Holt, Norman E. Redding, Managers; Andrew J. Adams, Robert H. Casavant, William J. Clarke, Allan F. Cronin, Salvatore D. D'Amore, Glover M. Demaras, John P. DiIorio, Paul B. Doran, Kenneth W. Gurney, Alfred G. Hoyt, Jr., Alfred E. Jacobson, Donald M. Langell, Thomas W. Mulloy, Henry D. Souvaine, Mrs. Helen H. Flynn, Miss Anna Hickey, Mrs. Matilda Pearlman, Miss Marguerite L. Stevens, Assistant Managers; Anthony M. Avallone, Frank E. Crowell, Mrs. Bertha Lundstadt, John M. Nottle, Assistant Auditors. Robert L. Gibbons, Transit Manager; James F. Blatchford, Jr., Ralph C. Blunt, Mrs. Sarah J. Flight, Platform Officer Assistants.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Ernest H. J. Vincent, Pastor. On Sunday, Feb. 26th at the evening service at 7 pm the speaker will be Mr. Arno Kalz who came from Leipzig, Germany. He was assisted in getting to Canada by Rev. Ernest H. J. Vincent, and was then able to come to the U. S. A. where he studied at Gordon College. Mr. Kalz after graduation was given a teaching position at Gordon College and is now preparing for his Ph.D. at Harvard. He has a fascinating story to tell of life in Germany under Hitler.

Feb. 23rd The Trial--The Verdict of the Priests' Rev. Robert Sanders.

Feb. 26th a.m. 'America For Christ'. n.m. Missionary Night

LENTEN STUDY GROUP

Rev. Harding will conduct his regular Lenten Study Group for members and friends of the Women's Society of Christian Service on Wednesday, March 1, at 10 a.m. The topic this year will be 'Basic Christian Beliefs'. The course will continue during the five Wednesdays in Lent. The regular monthly meeting of the WSCS will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evening, March 1. Rev. and Mrs. Harding will be in charge of the program, and refreshments will be served by members of Circle 9.

TMS BUDGET

(cont. fr. Fr. Pg.)

Line, and also on the lower end, adjacent to where the new school is to be built.

New Street Lights

Under a new policy of the Board of Selectmen, new street lights will no longer be automatically voted in, when requested. Instead the Reading Municipal Light Department and the TM will survey the area in question, and make recommendations. This policy has been going on for a short time now, the TM said, and is resulting in an increase in the size of bulbs, where needed, in addition to new lights.

Cemeteries

A \$9000 increase is being asked for under Cemeteries, so as to enlarge the present cemetery. A new section was opened last year, and it is hoped to open another, there being a four year program for this.

Public Dump

The Public Dump costs are being increased \$500 to \$9,000 the TM said, as there is now to be a provision for getting rid of wood in the public dump. There will be no burning allowed, he assured his listeners, but all elm will be sent to Abigail's Island for burning, as heretofore, under the provisions for control of the Dutch Elm disease.

Charities & Vet's Aid

The Town Manager's recommendations for Charities and Veteran's Aids were up \$20,000 over the figure of a year ago, (because of the new Medical Assistance law passed by Congress last year), but he explained that he was in hopes of having the cost reduced \$20,000. He is to attend a conference in Boston Thursday at which time he will know.

Buzzell School Money

The present figure for operation of the School Plant will probably be amended, in the Town Meeting, for an additional \$6,000 he told his listeners, because of the Buzzell School fire, but the town has already recovered \$11,000 from

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Our new phone number in Reading is 944-5000 Phone number for Wilmington office OL 8-4000

The Middlesex County National Bank, Monday, opened its new Office Building, behind the bank building, in Wilmington Square. Dr. Black, a dentist, and Atty Alan Altman, whose offices had been in the bank building, are the two present tenants of the new office building.

For some years prior to its moving to its present location this building had been an apartment building - but back before 1900 it was the home of Mrs. Dr. France B. Hiller, one of the most eccentric women to live during the nineteenth century.

Not much is left of the building as it was in her day. The ceilings in the first floor have all been lowered, but in the second floor they remain. One can see, upstairs, the careful plaster-work from which hung the chandeliers and gas-lights which were the original lighting source of the building. The gas lights, incidentally, were from gas manufactured in back the house, believed to be the first house in Middlesex County to be lit by gas.

Still to be seen are the carved wainscoatings around the doors and windows, but no sign of the gold remains, with which the carvings were painted. It is believed that the gold is still there, under the present paint.

Gone are the murals that once decorated the front room. It is now a lawyer's office. Gone too, from the same room, is the mirror that was once on the ceiling, and which Mrs. Hiller used to see how she would look, in her funeral dress, laying in her coffin.

It was from this room that Mrs. Hiller, a doctor in her own right (as was her husband Dr. Henry Hiller) was carried on her last journey to the Wildwood cemetery, with eight husky gentlemen as her pall bearers.

The men had to be husky, to handle the massive casket. Only one lives today, Herbert C. Barrows, Wilmington's Number One Citizen, now in a Reading Rest Home.

They carried Mrs. Hiller out through a window - they just couldn't get the casket out of the building any other way, and William Henry Carter II, it is said, temporarily rested his top hat on the coffin while he helped to pass it out - and then wondered for the rest of his days if he had committed a sacrilege by resting his hat on top of the dead Mrs. Hiller moved into her home in 1876 (it had been several years in the building) and set up a style of living

that set not only Wilmington but Boston agog.

Her husband manufactured a patent medicine that was in heavy demand, and was making plenty of money. He had one clerk, in his Boston office, who had the sole duty of opening the envelopes, with their orders.

Her Caskets

Her caskets, of course, were her chief claim to fame. They were made, each out of a solid piece of mahogany, by a Scotsman named MacGregor, and he took ten years to do the work. Each was valued at \$10,000, and was carved with a combination of Biblical scenes and scenes from Wilmington.

Mrs. Hiller reclaimed the entire cost of making the caskets, by exhibiting them in a hall in Boston, at 10¢ a look.

Her Alligators

Among her eccentricities was the keeping of pet alligators. She had a pool in back, for her pets. The balustrade, for the stairway, carved by MacGregor, was one piece of mahogany, which ended, at the bottom, with a six foot alligator whose tail reached up to support the chandelier.

Her Church Support

In her day Mrs. Hiller was a member of the Congregational Church, and helped that church later, when the Methodist Church was organized, she made

substantial contributions towards its first building. In her last marriage, to Henry Surrlette (it was he who changed his name) she became

a Communicant of the New St. Thomas church, and contributed greatly to that church, as well.

The writer has always claimed that the first Jews got to Wilmington too late!

Some other Activities

Mrs Hiller created a cranberry bog, out of some land in back of her home - now the Rotary Park. The people of Wilmington predicted that this time she would lose money, for the Cranberry Blight had been in Wilmington, and cranberries wouldn't live. But hers did, and she made money. She would sit under a huge umbrella and watch people working in her cranberry bog. There are people today who can remember her doing this.

Her honeymoon with her third husband was another event, one that was almost earth-shaking, for it went around the world, and lasted three years. Three months were spent in the mountains of Colorado, and similar lengths of time in other places of beauty.

She only admitted to two husbands, but Henry Surrlette was her third. Likewise it is to be believed that she had falsified her age by ten years when she married Dr. Hiller, in London, England. She admitted to an age of 49 when she became the bride of Henry (Surrlette) Hiller, and her bridegroom was in his early 20s.

After their honeymoon was over Mrs. Hiller built the present Bedell Insurance Building as an office for her husband. Here he entertained his cronies, and practised at selling real estate.

Henry Surrlette, a few years previously had seen Wilmington for the first time when he drove, barefoot, a herd of cattle from New Hampshire to the Brighton abattoir. Mrs. Hiller, at the time of their marriage, had him register his business as 'gentleman' and announced that he was going to go to Harvard. He never did.

She rarely practiced medicine herself, but there are, in the town records, receipted bills she submitted, for caring for the indigent and poor, at the Town Farm - now the Veterans Memorial Park.

In her last years she was a terrible shadow of her former self - alcoholic and drug-ridden. Dr. Daniel Buzzell, who cared for her in her last years, testified, in Cambridge Superior Court, when an effort was made to break her will, that she was taking 1500 opium tablets a month, at the time of her death.

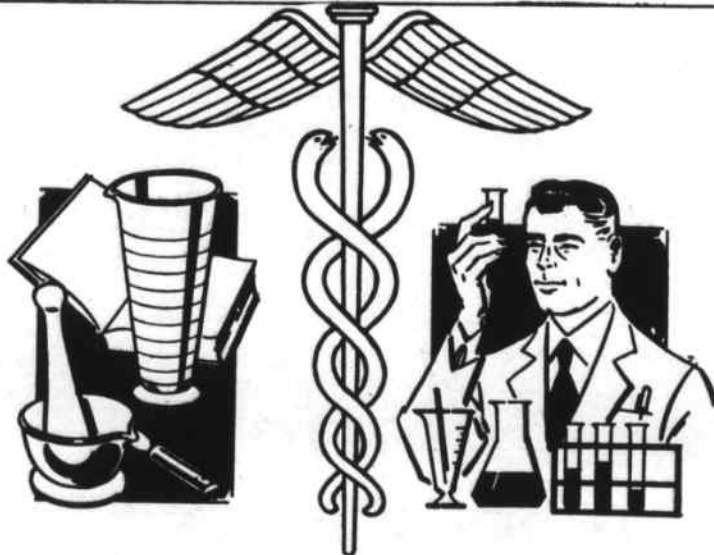
But the name of Dr. France B. Hiller will live on, even though her home is now an office building. Her eccentricities have long guaranteed that.



THE ALLIGATOR TAIL HAS GONE

Selectman Mrs Wavie Drew and Building Inspector Minot Anderson inspected the new office building, Monday, the first day it was open, and together with Atty Wlan Altman are shown looking at the bannister rail going upstairs.

When Mrs. Hiller lived in the house the rail was one solid piece of mahogany, ending in a carved alligator, whose tail reached up to support the chandelier overhead.



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TOWN BUDGET
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insurance, on this account.
Library & Recreation
The Public Library Account
has been increased (\$2,369)
because the library definitely
needs to be painted, and to
have other repairs.
There is also an increase in
the Recreation Commission
costs, to allow for an in-
crease in pay for the life-

guards, at the Town Beach.
Unclassified & Reserve
Insurance costs are up \$7,210
the Town Manager said.
Maturing Debt and Interest
is increasing by the sum of
\$41,691, \$30,000 for principal
and \$11,691 for interest. The
increase represents the bonds
for the Highway Department
Garage, the Police Station and
the Boutwell School, he said.
To Repeat Talk

TOWN MANAGER'S 1961 BUDGET

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Expend 1960	Dept. Request	T. Mgr. Recom.
Board of Selectmen	2,444.21	2,900.00	2,900.00
Election Expenses	2,839.31	1,500.00	1,500.00
Registrars of Voters	2,962.25	3,948.00	2,700.00
Finance Committee	393.00	700.00	700.00
Town Manager	14,164.84	17,100.00	17,100.00
Industrial Expenses	568.99	1,200.00	1,200.00
Town Accountant	7,097.01	8,302.00	7,847.00
Town Treasurer	5,382.99	8,314.00	6,503.00
Town Collector	6,418.07	8,278.00	8,278.00
Town Clerk	4,553.75	6,603.00	4,939.00
Board of Assessors	11,019.18	14,014.00	14,014.00
Town Counsel	5,254.66	3,500.00	3,500.00
Town Hall	14,898.51	16,257.00	16,857.00
Planning Board	1,886.70	1,300.00	1,200.00
TOTAL: GENERAL GOVT.	77,683.47	94,416.00	89,238.00

PROTECTION
PERSONS & PROPERTY:

Police Dept. Salaries	87,394.38	119,838.00	101,326.00
Police Dept. Expenses	7,161.44	8,180.00	6,975.00
Police Station	2,015.03	4,176.00	3,970.00
Fire Dept. Salaries	84,997.90	105,634.00	95,675.00
Fire Dept. Expenses	6,051.36	6,376.00	5,351.00
Fire Dept. Outlays	4,211.60	4,000.00	4,000.00
Fire Station	4,984.70	4,625.00	4,005.00
Ambulance Expenses	1,654.14	1,860.00	1,700.00
Civil Defense	806.56	1,700.00	500.00
Constable	100.00	100.00	100.00
Dog Officer	1,416.00	1,520.00	1,600.00
Building Inspector	8,754.74	11,174.00	9,606.00
Board of Appeals	128.66	410.00	410.00
Sealer Wts./Measures	760.18	935.00	935.00
Tree Warden Dept.	8,393.86	10,243.00	8,758.00
Dutch Elm Control	8,330.36	12,012.68	8,949.96
Gypsy Moth Control	5,176.26	8,562.12	5,687.64
TOTAL: PROTECTION	232,337.17	301,445.80	259,548.60

PUBLIC WORKS:

Town Engineer	11,786.75	12,875.00	12,875.00
Highway Dept. Salaries	41,790.29	50,151.20	49,506.40
Highway Dept. Expenses	32,593.00	31,395.00	28,495.00
Road Machinery Acct.	15,408.65	15,700.00	15,950.00
Chap. 90 Construction	6,000.00*	7,000.00	7,000.00
Chap. 90 Maintenance	1,500.00*	1,500.00	1,500.00
Chap. 81 Maintenance	11,000.00*	11,000.00	11,000.00
Snow & Ice Control	27,600.63	26,490.00	26,490.00
Public Street Lights	14,840.52	16,000.00	16,000.00
Parks (Planning Board)	4,645.15	4,355.00	4,355.00
Cemeteries	19,896.24	29,061.80	29,321.80

HEALTH & SANITATION:
Totals not included

Board of Health	22,646.39	22,518.00	19,984.00
Garbage Collection	9,116.72	9,000.00	9,000.00
Public Pump	15,500.00	16,000.00	16,000.00
TOTAL: HEALTH & SAN.	47,263.11	47,518.00	44,984.00

CHARITIES & VET'S AID:

Admin. Public Welfare	7,816.24	7,600.00	8,385.00
Assistance, Public Welfare	89,506.20	90,000.00	117,000.00
Veterans Aid & Benefits	29,092.97	28,300.00	21,300.00

TOTAL: Charities & Vet. Aid

126,415.41 125,900.00 146,685.00

SCHOOLS:

School Dept. Salaries	820,660.91	820,660.91
School Dept. Expenses	139,436.21	139,436.21

(Sub-total: Schools) 960,097.12 960,097.12

Operation, School Plant 144,450.21 171,595.00 154,386.70

Vocational Training 3,732.67 4,000.00 4,000.00

TOTAL: SCHOOLS 1,135,693.12 1,118,483.82

LIBRARY & RECREATION:

Public Library	11,836.10	14,205.00	14,205.00
Recreation Commission	6,731.62	7,386.00	7,386.00

TOTAL: LIBRARY & RECREATION 18,567.72 21,591.00 21,591.00

UNCLASSIFIED & RESERVE:

Reserve Fund	17,876.67	20,000.00	20,000.00
Insurance	26,485.06	32,475.00	32,475.00
Training, Travel, etc.	1,152.60	1,200.00	1,200.00
Town Report	2,213.74	3,000.00	3,000.00
Tax Title & Legal Asst.	559.10	500.00	500.00
Town Clock	45.00	100.00	100.00
TOTAL: UNCLASSIFIED & RESERVE	48,332.17	57,275.00	57,275.00

MATURING DEBT, INTEREST

Principal	269,000.00	299,000.00	299,000.00
Interest & Fees	10,948.19	110,538.50	110,538.50

TOTAL: MAT. DEBT & INT. 370,948.19 409,538.50 409,538.50

TOTAL: BUDGET APPROP. 2,398,905.42 2,349,837.12

Lancaster stated that he expected to repeat his talk given before the Baldwin Club in about eight more organizations, before the Town Meeting. He will speak before the Odd Fellows next Tuesday, and before the Park Street Acres Association on March 9th. He also expects to speak before the Shawsheen Association, and the Hathaway Acres Association and is prepared to talk to Rotary, Lions, JCs or any other organization.

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held in the Town Hall at 8:45 pm February 27, 1961, on the application of Avco, 201 Lowell Street, to store 2000 gallons of liquid sodium in above ground tanks.

Nicholas De Felice, Chmn.
Board of Selectmen.

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING 7 61

A Public Hearing will be held in the Town Hall at 8 pm March 21, 1961, on the application of Herbert Pickering, 413 Main Street for the right to erect signs on four retail stores, under the provisions of Chap. 6 Section 6, of the town By Laws.

Louis E. Gage, Chmn.
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LAND COURT

To the Town of Wilmington, a municipal corporation located in the County of Middlesex and said Commonwealth; Thomas Calhoun, Mary Calhoun, N. Harry Huntley and M. Nelson Huntley, all of said Wilmington; Mechanics Savings Bank, a duly existing corporation having an usual place of business in Reading, in said County of Middlesex; Calart Realty Corporation having an usual place of business in Boston, in the County of Suffolk; Brooks Skinner Co., a duly existing corporation having an usual place of business in Quincy, in the County of Norfolk; Nels John Nelson, residence unknown, or his heirs, devisees or legal representatives; and to all whom it may concern:

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by Warren B. Dawe and Marguerite M. Dawe, both of said Wilmington, to register and confirm their title in the following described land:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situate in said Wilmington, bounded and described as follows:

Northeasterly by Columbia Street 100 feet; Southeasterly by Dane Street 300 feet; Southwesterly by Tremont Street 100 feet; Northwesterly by land now or formerly of Thomas Calhoun and Mary Calhoun 300 feet.

The above described land is shown on a plan filed with said petition and all boundary lines are claimed to be located on the ground as shown on said plan.

If you desire to make any objection or defense to said petition you or your attorney must file a written appearance and an answer under oath, setting forth clearly and specifically your objections or defense to each part of said petition, in the office of the Recorder of said Court in Boston (At the Court House), or in the office of the Assistant Recorder of said Court at the Registry of Deeds at Lowell in the County of Middlesex where a copy of the plan filed with said petition is deposited, on or before the twenty-seventh day of March next.

Unless an appearance is so filed by or for you, your default will be recorded, the said petition will be taken as confessed and you will be forever barred from contesting said petition or any decree entered thereon.

Witness, JOHN E. FENTON, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this eighth day of February in the year nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

Attest with Seal of said Court (Seal)

Margaret M. Daly, Recorder.
William L. Diamond, 44 School St. Boston, Mass. Atty for the Petitioners.
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LIBRARIANS ATTEND INSTITUTE

Four Wilmington people were among the capacity crowd which attended the midwinter institute of the Mass. Library Association and the Mass. Library Trustees Association held last Thursday at the Sheraton-Plaza in Boston.

High School Librarian Virginia Erickson, Public Librarian Clara Chipman, Chairman Franklin Allen and Secretary Elizabeth Neilson of the Board of Trustees heard thorough discussion of legislation regarding state aid for public libraries, which was passed in November 1960. The intent of the bill is to improve public library service throughout the state through direct grants in aid and also through regional library systems. To be eligible for aid a library must agree to work over a period of a few years to meet the minimum standards set by the Mass Board of Library Commissioners and must apply for the aid.

A copy of the bill and of the minimum standards are available at the Public Library for reference. Also on file is the series of explanatory articles which appeared in the Christian Science Monitor Feb. 16, 17, and 18.

Funds which will be available for this aid will be a portion of the state income tax which is allocated to cities and towns via the 'cherry' sheet. Currently the Board of Commissioners is working upon setting up the systems of not more than five regions, as authorized by the law. Financial support for this feature will be from the appropriations by the legislature.

SKATERS TO GO TO KENNEDY RINK THIS WEEKEND

Wilmington's renowned Speed Skaters, having finished their outdoor season, move indoors this week, with a trip to the Kennedy Rink, and Hyannis, on Saturday.

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BIRTHS

CRANDALL, Dale Howard, 2nd son, fifth child, to Mr and Mrs Horace Crandall, Hillside Way, in the New England Sanitarium and Hospital, Stoneham, Feb. 18th.

Grandparents are Mrs Bessie Crandall of Stoneham and Mrs Laura Rennard of Freeport, Me.

DAVIDSON, Bruce Alan, 2nd son third child, to Mr and Mrs William J Davidson, 19 Gundersen Road, No. Wilmington, in the New England Sanitarium and Hospital, Stoneham, Feb. 9th.

Grandparents are Mr and Mrs Thomas Farrington, Gundersen Road, No. Wilmington.

RESTRAIN YOUR DOG SUPT. PLEADS

In an unusual plea to the public, Supt. of Schools Harold Shea has asked the dog owners of Wilmington to make every effort to keep their dogs at home during school hours.

Dog fights in school yards during the past two weeks have alarmed parents, teachers and supervising principals, the Supt. says. The fights are occurring on the grounds of the elementary schools and are beyond the controls of the custodians. One dog was killed last week, in a fight on the Swain School playground, the Supt. reported.

SCIENCE COUNT DOWN WINNER John Stanley, son of Mrs Charles Bowman and the late Mr Stanley of High Street, was



awarded the annual Eighth Grade Science Countdown, in the Wilmington Public Schools. He has taken the written test to determine whether or not he will be a Middlesex County contestant, and if he wins will appear on TV.

YOUTH CANTEN NEWS

Ice Skating party Friday, the MDC rink in Stoneham. Buses leave the Middlesex Bank parking lot at 6:30 pm, return 10:30 pm.

Due to the ice-skating party the Canteen will be open Saturday evening.

A Youth Canteen Committee, to promote a building fund, has been formed. More news will be given on this later.

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Clams	17-11	9565
Sharks	16-12	9679
Crabs	15-13	9678
Markerels	15-13	9660
Eels	13-15	9349
Squids	10-18	9716
Dolphins	8-20	9565
Lobsters	5-23	9384

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A. Connolly	99.9
A. Kasabuski	98.7
B. McMahon	98.4
L. Hillson	97.1
F. Arsenault	97.1
E. Woods	97.1
A. MacMullin Jr.	97.0
R. Crawford	96.8

Team Single

Clams	540
Dolphins	537
Crabs	526

Team Triple

Dolphins	1545
Whales	1505
Cods	1493

Ind. Single

G. Crowley	142
A. Connolly	135
A. MacMullin Jr.	131

Ind. Triple

A. MacMullin Sr.	356
P. Lagar	345
A. Connolly	342
J. Nigro	342

SOME BAKERY PRODUCTS ARE HARBORING GERMS

SAYS PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER Patrick Thebeau, Public Health Officer of Wilmington, Monday night told the Board of Health that in 'some' stores in Wilmington prepared bakery products are being kept too long, and as a result are becoming centers of germ colonies.

Thebeau explained that he was talking of the 'pre-packaged' type of bakery goods which are kept on store shelves, sometimes for a week. No stores were named.

WEATHER FELT NATIONWIDE

Robert E. Stewart, President Mechanics Savings Bank

In a report due this month the Census Bureau will admit that residential construction remained at abnormally low levels in January because of bad weather over most of the country. The National Association of Home Builders also pointed out that effects of the cold weather are reflected in new construction. A majority of the Builders Economic Council felt that indications are for a moderate increase in labor costs during the coming months along with higher land and development costs with the hope that average cost of new construction of a home will be held to \$15,000. Generally, forecasts call for an increase in new home building not much before the middle of the year with 1961 ending up ahead of 1960 in total new residential construction.

NATIONAL GUARD OPEN HOUSE NEXT SUNDAY

Company 'A', 226th Transportation Battalion, National Guard Unit in Woburn, will hold open House for the general public, at the Main Street Armory, in Woburn, from 1 PM to 4 PM Feb. 26th.

During the afternoon Company 'A' will display all of its operational equipment, including combat trucks, jeeps, weapons, radios, and other interesting equipment. In addition to the displays there will be live firing at the indoor rifle range, movies and refreshments.

'A' Company, one of the top-rated National Guard units in the State, had a record attendance of 3,000 people at last year's annual event.

DISCUSSION ON PRECINCTS

During the meeting of the Baldwin Club, Tuesday night, with the Town Manager, Bob Michelson of the Finance Committee cited some figures and facts he had concerning the proposal under Article 26 of the Town Warrant, to establish a voting precinct at Silver Lake.

The proposed voting precinct would take about 40% of the population, Mr. Michelson pointed out, and the voting lists of Wilmington register over 5800 voters.

Mr. Michelson told the assembly that the state law provides that if precincts are established there shall be no more than 2000 voters in any precinct, which would mean at this time three precincts for Wilmington.

He also pointed out that having additional precincts would call for eight additional election officers for each precinct, plus police, janitors and other persons.

CAFETERIA MENUS

Week of Feb. 27

MONDAY

Grilled Frankfurter on Roll, Potato Chips, Buttered Green Beans, Peach Shortcake with Whipped Cream, Milk

TUESDAY

American Style Pizza with Meat Sauce, Buttered Rice, Buttered Whole Kernel Corn, Fruit Jello Milk.

WEDNESDAY

Hamburger & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Peas, Carrot Sticks, Bread & Butter, Ginger Bread & Whipped Cream, Milk

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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